

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle B of title XVIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 18__ . ANNUAL REPORT ON VETERAN ACCESS TO**
2 **GENDER SPECIFIC SERVICES UNDER DE-**
3 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMU-**
4 **NITY CARE CONTRACTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 17 of
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
7 end the following new section:

8 **“§ 1730D. Annual report on veteran access to gender**
9 **specific services under community care**
10 **contracts**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall submit to
12 the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and
13 the House of Representatives an annual report on the ac-
14 cess of women veterans to gender specific services under
15 contracts, agreements, or other arrangements with non-
16 Department medical providers entered into by the Sec-
17 retary for the provision of hospital care or medical services
18 to veterans. Such report shall include data and perform-

1 ance measures for the availability of gender specific serv-
2 ices, including—

3 “(1) the average wait time between the vet-
4 eran’s preferred appointment date and the date on
5 which the appointment is completed;

6 “(2) the average driving time required for vet-
7 erans to attend appointments; and

8 “(3) reasons why appointments could not be
9 scheduled with non-Department medical providers.

10 “(b) GENDER SPECIFIC SERVICES.—In this section,
11 the term ‘gender specific services’ means mammography,
12 obstetric care, gynecological care, and such other services
13 as the Secretary determines appropriate.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
15 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
16 after the item relating to section 1730C the following new
17 item:

“1730D. Annual report on veteran access to gender specific services under com-
munity care contracts.”.

18 (c) ESTABLISHMENT OF ENVIRONMENT OF CARE
19 STANDARDS AND INSPECTIONS AT DEPARTMENT OF VET-
20 ERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTERS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans
22 Affairs shall establish a policy under which—

1 (A) the environment of care standards and
2 inspections at Department of Veterans Affairs
3 medical centers include—

4 (i) an alignment of the requirements
5 for such standards and inspections with
6 the women’s health handbook of the Vet-
7 erans Health Administration;

8 (ii) a requirement for the frequency of
9 such inspections;

10 (iii) delineation of the roles and re-
11 sponsibilities of staff at the medical center
12 who are responsible for compliance; and

13 (iv) the requirement that each medical
14 center submit to the Secretary a report on
15 the compliance of the medical center with
16 the standards; and

17 (B) for the purposes of the End of Year
18 Hospital Star Rating, no medical center is eligi-
19 ble for a five star rating as reported under the
20 Strategic Analytics for Improvement and
21 Learning Value Model unless it meets the envi-
22 ronment of care standards.

23 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
24 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
25 shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs

1 of the Senate and House of Representatives certifi-
2 cation in writing that the policy required by para-
3 graph (1) has been finalized and disseminated to
4 Department all medical centers.

